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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring the Iowa law enforcement academy to develop
- 2 training standards for the use of electronic control
- devices, including stun guns and tasers, by law enforcement
- 4 agencies throughout the state.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80B.19 Electronic control devices
- 2 training course.
- 3 1. The academy shall develop training standards for the use
- 4 of electronic control devices, including stun guns and tasers,
- 5 by law enforcement agencies throughout the state.
- 6 2. The training standards shall include the completion of an
- 7 electronic control devices safety course by peace officers and
- 8 jailers prior to the use of electronic control devices. The
- 9 electronic control devices safety course shall include but is
- 10 not limited to the following:
- 11 a. Developing a basic knowledge and understanding of
- 12 electronic control devices that encompasses their use, storage,
- 13 and maintenance.
- 14 b. Diagnosing malfunctions.
- 15 c. Identifying conditions and circumstances where the use of
- 16 electronic control devices is appropriate or inappropriate.
- 17 d. Identifying persons whose health may be severely impacted
- 18 by the use of electronic control devices.
- 19 3. The training standards shall also require law
- 20 enforcement agencies to do the following:
- 21 a. Conduct an annual review relating to agency use of
- 22 electronic control devices.
- 23 b. Retrain peace officers and jailers as new electronic
- 24 control devices are purchased or as new techniques are
- 25 developed.
- 26 c. Develop and adopt agency policies relating to the use of
- 27 electronic control devices.
- 28 4. The academy shall adopt rules to administer this section.
- 29 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
- 30 3, shall not apply to this Act.
- 31 EXPLANATION
- 32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 34 This bill requires the Iowa law enforcement academy to
- 35 develop training standards for the use of electronic control

- 1 devices, including stun guns and tasers, by law enforcement
- 2 agencies throughout the state.
- 3 Under the bill, the training standards shall include the
- 4 completion of an electronic control devices safety course by
- 5 peace officers and jailers prior to the use of such devices.
- 6 The electronic control devices safety course shall include the
- 7 following: developing a basic knowledge and understanding
- 8 of control devices that encompasses their use, storage, and
- 9 maintenance; diagnosing malfunctions; identifying conditions
- 10 and circumstances where the use of devices is appropriate or
- ll inappropriate; and identifying persons whose health may be
- 12 severely impacted by the use of devices.
- 13 The training standards under the bill shall also require law
- 14 enforcement agencies to do the following: conduct an annual
- 15 review relating to agency use of electronic control devices,
- 16 retrain peace officers and jailers when new electronic control
- 17 devices are purchased or as new techniques are developed, and
- 18 adopt agency policies relating to the use of electronic control
- 19 devices.
- 20 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
- 21 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
- 22 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
- 23 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of
- 24 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,
- 25 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state
- 26 mandate included in the bill.